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FO0CI, CLIPPERTON UPATED. N7QQ/MM was heard this weekend on their way to the island. Listen for updates on 28498, 21284 and 14158 kHz. The planned landing date is March 6th.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. Ted, HC8K, has been active on RTTY most evenings on 14082 kHz after 0300z. Also check 21082 kHz around 0130z. QSL via HC5K.

YI, IRAQ. It appears that political problems have gotten in the way of another N6BFM/4U operation from Iraq. Bob (N6BFM) reports that his planned operation on March 3rd or 4th and another one a couple of weeks into March have been scrubbed due to some sort of bad press coming from inside Europe. His QSL Manager, W8CNL, will keep the SCG group informed.

S2, BANGLADESH. It was reported on the W2MIG Net, that Eric, WZ6C, has been tutoring S21A and several others. Eric and his QSL Manager, W4FRU, talked about a week ago and Eric stated he will not operate as S2 until S21A is QRV. W4FRU is printing QSL cards fro Eric's previous operations as /S2 and all cards will be rubber stamped with " This contact may or may not be good for DXCC credit."

T32, EAST KIRIBATI ISLAND. T32BW continues to be very active on all bands especially on the WARC bands. Activity seems to begin on 10 meters around 1900z between 28472 to 28490 kHz. QSL via HA8XX.

VP2E, ANGUILLA. VP2EOH will be activated again by members of the Northern Ohio DX Association and the Lake County Amateur Radio Association starting April 16th thru the 21st. Operators will be Bob/K8BL, Scott/KO8O, Jack/KB8WC, Dwaine/WA8MEM, George/K8KR and Bruce/N8DJX. Two complete stations will be active - one for SSB and the other for CW. Much of the phone operation will take place within the U.S. general or novice segments and CW will be 30 kHz from bottom of the band. Significant WARC activity will also take place. QSL via K8BL. Cards with SASE will be returned direct and all others will be via the bureau.

VK9LW, LORD HOWE ISLAND. It has been reported that VK9LW was active on 14193 kHz around 1215z, February 26th. This station has also been known to show up on the 14236 DX net around 0500z. QSL via WI0S.

YA, AFGHANISTAN. It has been reported that the YA5MM DXpedition by UT4UX and UJ8JMM has been postponed until April.

YX, AVES ISLAND. By the time you read this the YX0AI DXpedition will be over. The operation was well organized and pleased many with new band contacts. QSL info: SSB contacts via ARV, P.O. Box 3636, Caracas, Venezuela and CW contacts via YV DX Club, P.O. Box 75458, Caracas 1070-A, Venezuela.

HC8A CARDS. All 1990 HC8A cards from the CQ WW Phone Contest and the 1992 CQ WW WPX CW Contest are now via WV7Y. Do not re-send cards for 1990 for a while because those on hand will be answered (Cards are at the printers). WV7Y is Betsy Townsend, P.O. Box 644, Spokane, WA 99210-0644 (1990 CB address). Look for the HC8A operating during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest March 28-29 (operator N6KT).

OPDX/NODXA DX Survey

The following is a percentage of votes from different areas received:

U.S. Call Areas		Foreign
W1 - 9.0%	W6 - 5.0%	Canada - 2.5%
W2 - 4.0%	W7 - 2.5%	Europe - 11.3%
W3 - 10.1%	W8 - 39.2%	Asia - 1.2%
W4 - 4.0%	W9 - 1.2%	
W5 - 5.0%	W0 - 5.0%	

It seems Europe voted more than some stateside areas!

1991 DXer of the Year - OH2BH

There were 18 DXers nominated in all and here are some that should receive "Honorable Mention" for their efforts and hard work: Romeo/UB5JRR, John/XQ0X and Kiyoko/NH6RT.

1991 DXpedition of the Year - ZA1A

There were 11 nominated. The ZA1A operation was one of the best and well organized DXpeditions. This was an operation that could be worked on every band by anyone who cared to work it. The exceptionally fast QSLing and approval of its paperwork by the ARRL were done in record breaking time.

The OPDX/NODXA 1991 Most Wanted - Countries (112 countries were submitted)

1	VP8/SS	South Sandwich	59.4%	13	3V	Tunisia	18.9%
2	A5	Bhutan	54.4%		5R	Madagascar	18.9%
3	S2	Bangladesh	50.6%		FR/T	Tromelin	18.9%
4	3Y/P	Peter I Is.	49.3%	14	YA	Afghanistan	17.7%
5	5A	Libya	43.0%	15	XY	Burma (Myanmar)	16.4%
6	EP	Iran	31.6%		VP8	South Georgia Is.	16.4%
7	VU4	Andaman	30.3%		ZL8	Kermadec Is.	16.4%
8	VK0/H	Heard Is.	29.1%	16	TN	Congo	15.1%
9	9G	Ghana	26.5%		VK0/M	Macquarie Is.	15.1%
10	1S	Spratly Is.	24.0%	17	FR/G	Glorioso Is.	13.9%
	5X	Uganda	24.0%	18	KH1	Baker, Howland Is.	12.6%
11	FO/X	Clipperton Is.	22.7%		SV/A	Mount Athos	12.6%
12	VU7	Laccadive Is.	20.2%	19	KH5K	Kingman Reef	11.3%

20	VK9X	Christmas Is.	8.8%

Editor's Analyzation: To start, I found it interesting and fun putting the survey together. I wish more stateside DXers would have participated in the survey, but the reason for this may have been the OPDX Bulletin was not distributed in those areas.

One of countries that was forgotten and should be at the top was North Korea (P5). Many forget once P5 becomes active, all will need it. One of the big surprises on the survey was Albania (ZA). Out of 112 countries submitted by all, no one needed ZA (ed. AMAZING). A year ago Albania was the number one most wanted country and now it is not in the top 100. The list also shows that the operations by Romeo, UB5JRR, from Myanmar (XY) and Afghanistan (YA), caused those two countries, although very much needed, to drop out of the top ten. The survey was taken before Bob, W5KNE, and Lanny, W5BOS, made their trip to Christmas Island (VK9X), so I'm sure this one will be much further down the list next time. There will also be major changes to the list after March, once the Clipperton Island (FO/X) and the South Sandwich (VP8/SS) DXpeditions have completed their operations. Possible operations later throughout the year from A5, KH1, S2, VU4, VU7 and YA will also cause changes.

We hope to expand a little more on the format for the next OPDX/NODXA DX Survey. The first was more of a trial run with positive results and comments. Thanks to those who took the time to participate.

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